



69th ADA BDE



August 2003 FRG Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Hello again from Giebelstadt. (A note up front, if this month's column cuts off in mid-sentence, somebody please call an ambulance for me, because I have probably passed out from heat stroke!!) I hope by the time this newsletter gets to you, this brutal heat wave we are currently having is a distant memory. It has been another busy month for the Battery in July as we are now back in full swing from deployment and focused on future missions ahead. Also, as usual in the Army during the summer rotation, we have said farewell to a lot of good friends and welcomed many new faces to the HHB family.

During the next month, the Battery is focusing on Change of Command inventories between CPT Jim Zopelis and myself. The change of command is going to take place on 5 September at 1000 in the Gieb gym. You are all cordially invited to attend. CPT Zopelis and his family are coming from Hanau where he was a Commander of a Battery in 5-7 ADA. Please give them a hearty welcome when you see them.

I would like to congratulate SPC Nelson, SPC Forbus, SPC Dupree, SPC Newman, and SGT Henckel for their successful completion of the Primary Leadership Development Course. This is a huge step in their careers, which will give them the tools needed to become effective leaders. Also, congratulations

to PFC Wade, PFC Hoskins, PFC Lucas, and SPC Snowberger for their recent promotions.

I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of summer. Although we are busy, we are never too busy to spend time with family. Germany is a fantastic place to be stationed and I urge everyone to plan family trips to see Europe while you are here. From daytrips to weeklong vacations, there are plenty of once-in-a-lifetime things to see and do while stationed here. Whatever you do, it will be great because you are doing it as a family!

"Lightning Fire!"

CPT Joe Bethel

FRG Leaders Corner

Hello All,

This is the last month of summer vacation. We have had a great and active summer. We have had a lot of new comers to the unit and we would like to welcome everyone. We also have a new addition to the Dee family. Congratulations to CPT Dee and Emily on the arrival of Gavin Paul Dee. He was born August 1st at 16:57 at 5 pounds 14 oz and 21 1/4 inches.

We will be having our first meeting on Sept. 4, at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at the FDC bldg. If you need directions don't worry we will be send out flyers. Please make sure your information is updated at the BDE.

We have a new FRG Room. It is located in the basement of the BDE. As you walk into the BDE go left then take a right then go through the door on the left then take the first left down the stairs. when you get to the bottom of the stairs take the right hall way go all the way down the hall we are the last door on the right. There is a computer with internet access, a DSN phone line, toys for the kids, coffee, a fan, flyers and information. It is very cool there. We are still moving in and trying to make it welcome. Come check out the room and if you have any suggestions on how to make it better you let us know by putting in a suggestion in the "Suggestion box". This room is temporary until the other Bldg is finished.

We hope to see you at the next meeting!
Debbie Ziegler and Tammy Dimsdale
FRG Leaders

Up Coming Events

August

- 15 German Holiday (Mary's Ascension)
- 16 Wattendorf Women's Equality Day
Volksmarch (355-8122)
- 22 Hail and Farewell & NCO Induction
- 22 German-American Concert in
Kitzingen

September

- 5 CPT Mathews Change of Command

FRG Positions Available

The following positions need to be filled as soon as possible within the FRG. Please contact Emily Dee if you would like to help with one of these volunteer opportunities or any not listed below.

Welcome Committee Chairperson
Phone Tree Coordinator
Phone Tree Callers
Community Information
Event Planner

Goodbyes!

We would like to take this time to say goodbye to CPT Bethel and his family as this will be his last month as the HHB Commander.

We appreciate all of the support you have shown the family members and service members. We wish you and your family the best of luck at your next duty station, they are lucky to have you!

Welcome!

We would also like to
welcome COL Lawrence and
his family to our
community. We hope that
you enjoy your tour here
and we look forward to
working with you all!

Reminder

The USAREUR transition period for IACS registration will end on 19 October. The new IACS installation pass will be required for all ID card holders to enter and access installations without having to be signed on.

The next FRG meeting will
be September 4, 2003 at
1800 in the FDC building.
Please come and join us as
we plan for the upcoming
year and events. A flyer
will be sent out soon with
directions.